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1. FONOFF SECURITY DIVISION CHIEF YAMASHITA NOTIFIED POL/MIL COUNSELOR PM JUNE 3 OF STA FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF SAME DATE OF NUCLEAR MONITORING RETEST RESULTS FOR YOKOSUKA HARBOR. ACCORDING STA ANNOUNCEMENT (BEING POUCHED SEPARATELY) RETESTING OF SAMPLES FROM YOKOSUKA SHOWED NO EVIDENCE OF CONTAMINATION FROM SSN VISITS. REPORT DOES INDICATE SOME PRESENCE OF COBALT 60 IN HARBOR BOTTOM SAMPLES BUT AMOUNT HAS REMAINED UNCHANGED SINCE 1971 AND IS ATTRIBUTED TO NATURAL CAUSES AND OTHER FACTORES,
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NOT TO SSN PORTCALLS.

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2. RESULTS OF STA MONITORING REPORT SUMMARIZED:

SAMPLE	COBALT 60	ZINC 65	CE 144	CS 137
WATER (PICOCURIES PER KG. DRY)	13-0	0	220-0	335-70
" (1971)	(19-5)	(0)	(1520-110)	(388-48)
FLATFISH (PICOCURIES/KG.)	0	0	0	5.2-0
PURPLE SHELLFISH (PICO/KG. LIVE)	2.3-0	0	4.1-0	2.5-0
" " (1971)	(0)	(0)	(195-5-7.0)	(1.5-0)
SHELLFISH (PICO/KG. LIVE)	0	0	0	8.0-0
" " (1971)	(0)	(0)	(23.5-7.5)	(2.7-0)
SEAWEED (PICO/KG)	0.7	0	0	6.8

NOTE: RANGES DRAWN FROM MULTIPLE SAMPLES. CONCLUSION: NO DANGER.

3. FONOFF, CITING STA REPORT RESULTS OF NO DAMAGE AND NO DANGER ALSO ANNOUNCED GOJ HAD NOTIFIED USG OF APPROVAL FOR RESUMPTION OF SSN PORTCALLS AT YOKOSUKA. FONOFF FURTHER STATED THAT RETEST RESULTS FOR SASEBO AND WHITE BEACH WERE EXPECTED IN JULY AND THESE PORTS WOULD ALSO BE REOPENED AT THAT TIME.

4. STA AND SUBSEQUENT FONOFF ANNOUNCEMENTS RECEIVED MAJOR PLAY FROM MOST OF JAPANESE PRESS WITH EMPHASIS PLACED ON POSSIBILITY THAT SSN MAY VISIT YOKOSUKA QTE AS EARLY AS THIS WEEK UNQTE. COVERAGE INCLUDED OPPOSITION CONTENTION THAT MONITORING SETUP CANNOT BE CONSIDERED COMPLETE UNTIL JAPAN ANALYSIS CENTER (REPLACEMENT FOR DISCREDITED JACRI) BEGINS OPERATIONS IN JULY. VARIOUS OPPOSITION GROUPS ARE THREATENING TO HOLD SMALL DEMON-STRATIONS OR RALLIES IN YOKOSUKA JUNE 7 AGAINST SSN PORTCALLS. PRESENCE OF USS PERMIT IN PORT AT THAT TIME MAY PROVIDE SOME ADDITIONAL
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DRAWING POWER FOR SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS. ON THE OTHER HAND, BOTH KANAGAWA PREFECTURE GOVERNOR TSUDA AND YOKOSUKA MAYOR YOKOYAMA HAVE ISSUED STATEMENTS TO PRESS ACCEPTING STA ANALYSIS RESULTS AND INTERIM MONITORING ARRANGEMENT AND THEREFORE ACCEPTING UNENTHUSIASTICALLY RESUMPTION OF SSN PORTCALLS. THESE STATEMENTS SHOULD SERVE TO DAMPEN SOME OPPOSITION SENTIMENT.
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